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WPD, Union Rescue Mission, Cessna to deliver food to families

Seventy-five families in northeast Wichita that might not otherwise have a holiday meal will receive food again this year, thanks to officers from the Wichita Police Department, volunteers from Union Rescue Mission, and assistance from the Cessna Foundation, it was announced today.

“This is another example of a community-based partnership between the Department and local organizations that benefit citizens of Wichita,” said Gordon Bassham, assistant to Police Chief Norman Williams.

The Cessna Foundation provided financial assistance in partnership with Union Rescue Mission, said Mission spokesperson Julie Wedan. She said seven men from the Mission’s Recovery After Life-Change program will accompany officers as they deliver the food to residents in northeast Wichita.

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“Those in the Life-Change program are men who themselves have been homeless and without hope, yet have chosen to make changes in their lives that allow them to become self-sufficient, productive members of the community,” said Wedan. “They are really looking forward to assisting the police by giving back to the community by helping those in need.”

Officers will begin loading food for distribution at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 20th at the Patrol North substation, 3015 E. 21st Street North, said Bassham. It will take about 3 to 4 hours to distribute the food, he said.